

**Memorandum of the Meeting
Regular Study Session/Meeting
Twenty-Sixth Town Council of Highland
Monday, March 07, 2011**

The regular study session of the Twenty-Sixth Town Council of the Town of Highland was convened at the regular place, the Highland Municipal, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in the plenary meeting chambers on **Monday, March 07, 2011** at the time of 7:05 o'clock p.m.

Silent Roll Call: Councilors Dan Vassar, Mark Herak, Bernie Zemen, Konnie Kuiper and Brian Novak were present. A quorum was attained. The Clerk-Treasurer Michael W. Griffin was present to memorialize the proceedings.

Others present: William R. Timmer, Jr., CFOD, was also present.

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. The Town Council received information from the Fire Chief regarding the acquisition of up to two demonstrators made by *American La France*, which owing to a reorganization and related economic factors, 2008 and 2009 fire truck pumpers that have never been titled. These would be like new. The price would be at \$250,000 each. This is a special opportunity or deal that allows the municipality to enjoy an unusual savings from the usual pricing. It was noted that these are equipped with Detroit brand diesel engines. It was further noted that these vehicles were stainless steel bodies and aluminum cabs, with a mid engine location. It was noted that these vehicles individually retailed for \$542,000.

These prices are based on trade-ins of comparable value. Further the fire trucks as described would be delivered as new and feature a new vehicle warranty.

The discussion included a concern regarding whether or not the firefighters would be equally enthusiastic about the purchase. Further, the discussion included whether or not there would be an inspection to verify the quality and condition of the vehicles before acquisition.

The discussion included how the new vehicles impact the ISO. The Fire Chief represented that the vehicles as a replacement for the two oldest fire trucks, would be favorable for the ISO rating. He further represented that the Fire Trucks at 25 years of age or more actually negatively impacts the ISO evaluation.

The Town Council suggested that if possible, could the vehicles be brought by for review by Fire Fighters.

The Fire Chief departed at this time.

2. The Town Council discussed the possible candidates for appointment to the Main Street Bureau. The candidates that had applied were discussed and no objections were raised. The Town Council discussed appointments remaining for Shared Ethics Advisory Commission (SEAC), the Municipal Plan Commission and Community Events Commission.

Councilor Vassar departed at this time.

4. The Town Council and the Clerk-Treasurer discussed the forthcoming annual budgetary hearing set for March 14, 2011. The hearing is notable as the taxpayer petition filed regarding the FY 2011 Budget was challenged on the basis that it included a levy for the Lincoln Community Center lease financing. It is expected that that the petitioners will be in attendance.

The Clerk-Treasurer also briefed the Town Council regarding the preliminary budget order from the Department of Local Government Finance, which denied establishing fund and approving the levy to support the lease financing of the Lincoln Center Reconstruction. The Clerk-Treasurer would follow-up with the Department of Local Government Finance and explore the finding and report back.

5. Councilor Herak discussed whether or not to conduct the July 3rd twilight parade in that the date falls on Sunday Night. It was noted that July 3rd has been the date of the parade since 1985. The Town Council would further consult and deliberate.

There being no further business to be discussed by the Town Council, the regular study session of the Town Council, of **Monday, March 07, 2011**, was adjourned at 9:10 o'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer